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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES



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COGSWELL BUILDING

STATE OF MONTANA

HELENA, MONTANA 59620

October 19, 1983

Re: Preliminary Environmental Review
Truck Specialty, Missoula

Board of County Commissioners, Missoula Co. Courthouse, Missoula, MT
Jon Shannon, Junk Vehicle Program Director, 301 W. Alder, Missoula, MT
Bill Cregg, Mayor, City of Missoula, 201 W. Spruce, Missoula, MT
Will Walton, Missoula Planning Bd., 301 W. Alder, Missoula, MT
Kenneth R. Fernandez, Truck Specialty, 5165 Hwy. 93 S., Missoula, MT
Tom Ellerhoff, Environmental Sciences Division, DHES, Helena, MT
Environmental Quality Council, Capitol Bldg., Rm. 432, Helena, MT
Harold Chambers, State Library, Capitol Complex, Helena, MT

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the Administrative Rules of Montana, 16.2.604,
the following Preliminary Environmental Review has been prepared by the
Department of Health and Environmental Sciences concerning Ken Fernandez
dba Truck Specialty 5165 Hwy. 93 S., Missoula, MT.

The purpose of the Preliminary Environmental Review is to inform
all interested governmental agencies, public groups or individuals of
the proposed action and to determine whether or not the action may have
a significant effect on the human environment. This Preliminary
Environmental Review will be circulated for a period of fifteen (15)
days at which time a decision will be made as to our future action.

If you care to comment on this proposed action, please do so within
the allotted time.

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1915 E. 6th AVE.
HELENA, MONTANA 59620

Sincerely,

LARRY D. MITCHELL
Solid Waste Management Bureau
Environmental Sciences Division

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PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

facility located at 5165 Highway 93 South, Missoula, MT

POTENTIAL IMPACT ON PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

1. Terrestrial & aquatic life and habitats
2. Water quality, quantity and distribution
3. Geology & soil quality, stability and moisture
4. Vegetation cover, quantity and quality
5. Aesthetics
6. Air quality
7. Unique, endangered, fragile, or limited environmental resources
8. Demands on environmental resources of land, water, air & energy
9. Historical and archaeological sites

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POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

	Major	Moderate	Minor	None	Unknown	Comments on Attached Pages
1. Social structures and mores				X		
2. Cultural uniqueness and diversity				X		
3. Local and state tax base & tax revenue			X			X
4. Agricultural or industrial production				X		
5. Human health				X		
6. Quantity and distribution of community and personal income			X			X
7. Access to and quality of recreational and wilderness activities				X		
8. Quantity and distribution of employment			X			X
9. Distribution and density of population and housing				X		
10. Demands for government services			X			X
11. Industrial & commercial activity			X			X
12. Demands for energy				X		
13. Locally adopted environmental plans & goals				X		X
14. Transportation networks & traffic flows				X		X

Other groups or agencies contacted or which may have overlapping jurisdiction _____

Individuals or groups contributing to this PER. City-County Planning Office;

City-County Health Dept.

Recommendation concerning preparation of EIS Not Necessary

PER Prepared by: Larry P. Mitchell

LARRY MITCHELL

Date: October 14, 1983

POTENTIAL IMPACT ON PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

5. Aesthetics

The Montana law requires all motor vehicle wrecking facilities to be shielded from public view such that junk vehicles held in storage are not visible from a point 6 feet above the centerline of any public roadway. The applicant has proposed the establishment of a motor vehicle wrecking facility on a 1 acre parcel of land located at 5165 Highway 93 South in Missoula, Montana. The facility is required to be shielded from U.S. Highway 93, a Federal Primary route which fronts the property on the east side, and several county roads in the vicinity.

The topography in the immediate area of these roadways is relatively flat except at distance where some county roadways rise in elevation above the Bitterroot River valley. Shielding this facility from public view is made feasible by the flat close up topography and the greater distances to elevated roadways. The small size of the proposed yard, the distance to elevated roadways, combined with the shielding proposal and the break in line-of-sight from existing area buildings, businesses and vegetation all help in shielding the facility from public view.

The applicant has proposed the construction of 3 large shop, storage, and retail sales buildings connected by an 8 foot tall colored metal perimeter fence around the property to adequately shield the facility in accordance with state law. The facility may not be licensed for operation until it is properly shielded from view. The plan appears satisfactory and when implemented should result in an attractively designed and screened outlet for recyclable salvage motor vehicles.

POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

3. Local and State tax base and tax revenue
6. Quantity and distribution of community and personal income
8. Quantity and distribution of employment

The establishment and successful operation of a motor vehicle wrecking facility should have a minor but positive impact on all the above criteria. Aside from providing obvious income and employment opportunities for the owner/operator and any additional employees necessary in the business, secondary trades and businesses may be positively impacted during the initial construction phase as well as during routine operation. Motor vehicle wrecking facilities routinely utilize the service of existing local communication, transportation, advertising, auto parts, repair and machine shop businesses in their operations. This facility should provide yet another competitive market outlet for the purchase and acquisition of salvagable inventory from insurance companies, body shops, auto dealers, private individuals and others. Located outside the Missoula city limits, the successful operation of this facility may have a minor positive impact on the county and state tax base and tax revenues beyond that previously available from the property.



10. Demands for government services

Periodic routine inspections of the facility by state and local junk vehicle program officials may be required to assure that it is being operated and maintained in compliance with the state Motor Vehicle Recycling and Disposal law and regulations. A minor effort will be required to establish office records on the facility and in routine correspondence with the business.

There may be a minor increase in demand for such local government services such as fire protection from volunteer fire departments, law enforcement from the county sheriff's department, and permit facilitation for building, water, sewer, electrical and other utility connections.

11. Industrial and commercial activity

Both sides of U.S. Highway 93 in this area south of the Buckhouse Bridge have been commercially developed in the past 10-15 years. There are currently 3 licensed motor vehicle wrecking facilities operating within one mile of this location. Establishing this facility will continue this trend towards commercial/industrial strip development along the highway.

13. Locally adopted environmental plans and goals

Establishing and licensing a motor vehicle wrecking facility at this site does not violate any locally adopted land use zoning ordinances currently in effect for this location. The county zoning office has certified on the license application that the site is unzoned.

14. Transportation networks and traffic flows

Primary transportation access to this facility is via U.S. Highway 93, a four lane primary highway system in the vicinity of this site. No significant impacts on traffic flows are anticipated by this licensing action.



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Environmental Sciences Division
Solid Waste Management Bureau
Helena, Montana 59601

M O T O R V E H I C L E W R E C K I N G F A C I L I T Y

APPLICATION FOR LICENSE

Complete this form and return with attachments to: Solid Waste Management Bureau
Montana Department of Health and
Environmental Sciences
Room A201, Cogswell Building
Helena, MT 59620

- 1) Name of applicant: KENNETH R. FERNANDEZ
- 2) Name of facility: TRUCK SPECIALTY
- 3) Address: 5165 Hwy 93 South, Missoula, MT
- 4) Size and legal description of facility: 1 ACRE WITH 3 BLDGS
LEGAL DESCRIPTION ATTACHED
- 5) If you are not the owner of the premises, give name and address of lessor who holds title to the property:
- Name: _____
- Address: _____
- 6) Attachments: a) Map of city or county showing proposed location of facility.
- b) Drawing of proposed facility showing especially the type and adequacy of shielding of facility from public view and location of buildings.
- 7) I hereby certify that the site of the planned motor vehicle wrecking facility is in accordance with local government zoning and ordinances (to be signed by appropriate local government official having knowledge of local zoning ordinances).

TITLE: County Zoning Officer

OF: Missoula
(city or county)

8) Date (year and month) that your facility will begin operation: MAY 15, 1983

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: Kenneth R. Fernandez PHONE: 251-5226

TITLE: Owner DATE: 4-15-83

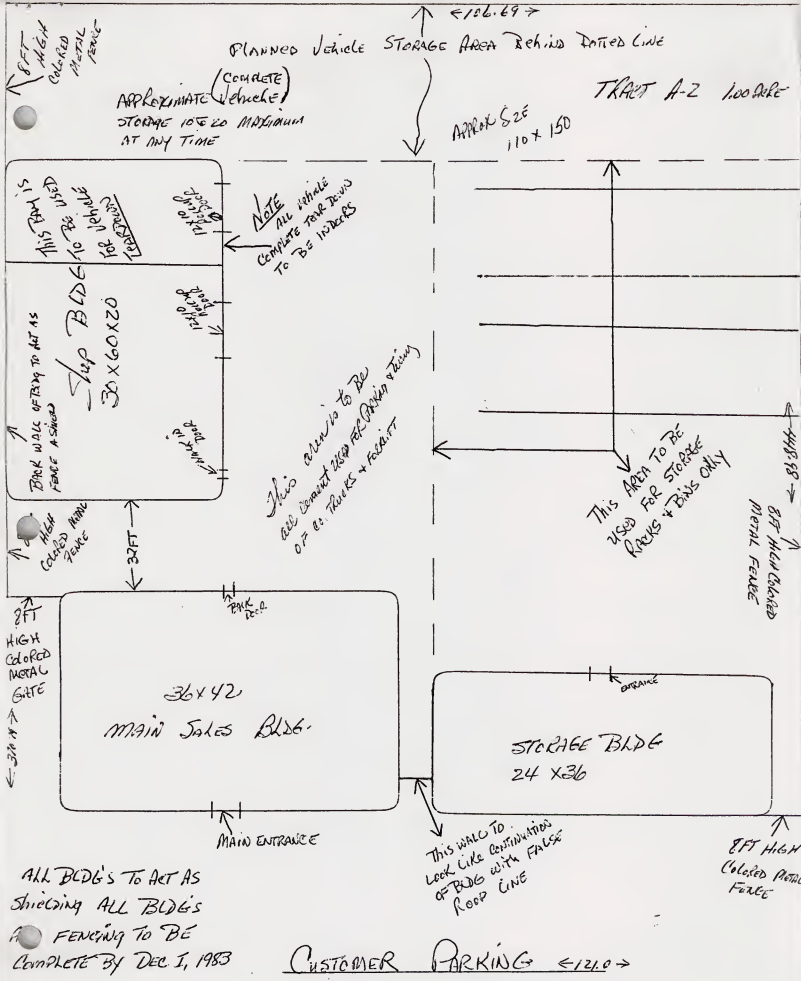
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